

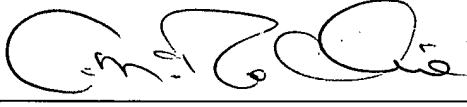
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
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FILED: November 20, 2000 EXAMINER: P. DO
FOR: IMMUNOASSAY OF HUMAN MEDULLASIN AND DIAGNOSIS OF
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed December 11, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

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--19. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein said aqueous liquid (i) contains 0.05 mol% or more or 0.005 mol% or less of a solute.--